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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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Dear General Smith:

Reference is made to a letter to the Secretary of Defense from Admiral Hillenkoetter, dated 23 August 1950, relating to the benefits to be achieved by initiating a strong peripheral reporting system and to the copy of the letter to the State Department, same subject, attached as an inclosure.

The Department of Defense concurs in State Department's observation concerning the importance of intelligence reporting in the areas peripheral to the Soviet Union as mentioned in State's reply to you on this subject, dated 19 September 1950. As you know, the Department of Defense has not permitted its attache consolidation and reduction program to interfere with the Soviet periphery. The attache personnel who were forced from Soviet satellites in Eastern Europe have largely been reassigned to such "fringe" countries as Turkey, Greece, Austria, and Sweden, in order to make use of their talents for continued intelligence activities in those areas.

In addition, certain sizable increases in Service attache personnel ceilings as recommended by the Joint Chiefs of Staff have recently been approved. A copy of the Joint Chiefs of Staff recommendations on this subject, dated 26 September 1950, is inclosed for your information. You will observe that a number of these increases concern countries peripheral to the Soviet-dominated world.

I would appreciate hearing from you at any time if there are additional steps which can be taken by the Department of Defense, to assist you in this particular question.

Faithfully yours,

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Lt. Gen W. Bedell Smith Director, Central Intelligence Agency Washington 25, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEPRISE:

Subject: Increase in Service Attache Personnel Ceilings.

In view of the current international situation it is considered in the interest of national security has action be taken to expand and increase the flexibility of operation of the attache system of the Services. It is recommended that an increase in Service attache person electings as indicated in the enclosure hereto be authorized. It is further recommended that implementation and assignments to individual posts within the increased cedlings be made the responsibility of the Services.

For the Joint Chief's of Steff's

Sgn. General Omar N. Bradley

OMAR N. BRADLEY, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Steff.

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## RECOMMENDED INCREASE IN SERVICE ATTACHE PERSONNEL CEILI GS

1. The present status of Attache posts and personnel of the three Services is as follows:

	Army	Navy	Air Force
Attache Posts	55	37	43
Attaches	115	99	125
Administrative Communication and Custodial Personnel			
Warrant Officers	35	14 0"	20
Enlisted Men	107	115*	132*
U. S. Civilians	72	77	59
Aliens	194	134	139

2. Since the reductions in Attache posts and personnel in December 1949, the following areas have been found to have inadequate intelligence coverage:

a. Countries with an Attache from only one of the Services

Belgium (Army)

El Salvador (Army)

Bolivia (Air Force)

Ethlopia (Army)

Burma (Army)

Guatemala (Air Force)

Ceylon (Navy)

Haiti (Army)

Colombia (Army)

Lebanon (Army)

Denmark (Navy)

New Zealand (Army)

Dominican (%)

Philippine Republic (Navy)

Republic (Navy)

Syria (Army)

Ecuador (Army)

Intelligence collection for all Services has been provided of the Service Attache present in each of the above countries.

Requirements have expanded, timeliness and accuracy of respecting have increased in importance to such an extent that the intelligence collection now necessary cannot be accomplished in all the above cases by one Service acting in the interest of all.

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<sup>\*</sup> These figures include crew members for Air and Naval Attache aircraft.

b. Countries with no Attache representation:

Belgian Congo Paraguay
Costa Rica Saudi Arabia
Honduras Trans Jordan

Nicaragua

Wherever there is no military representative, military intelligence coverage in these countries devolves upon the Department of State under provisions of NSCID No. 2. This procedure has, due to the lack of military and technical knowledge of Embassy, Legation and Consular personnel, produced a negligible amount of military information.

c. In addition, experience obtained during the period of reduced Attache staffs has determined that an increase in personnel in Europe, in the periphery of Eastern Europe, in the Middle East and South East Asia Areas, is now required. Certain Attache posts have an additional responsibility in providing administrative and communications support to various non-intelligence agencies such as Military Assistance Aid Groups. Such support places a limit on the collection of military information and has been considered in the over-all increase now desired.

3. Proposed personnel increases:

ARMY: Country	Ófficers	Warrant Officers	Enlisted Men	U.S. Civt- lians	Allon
Afghanistan			1		
Argentina	1		1	1	1
Belgium	1			1	
Bolivia (re-activated)	1		1	1	1
Brazil	1		1	1	1
Burma	1		1		
Canada	1			1	1.

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	Country	Officers	Warrant Officers	Enlisted Men	U.S. Civi- lians	Allega
	Denmark (re-activated)	2			2	<u></u>
	Egypt	2			1	1,
	Ethiopia			1		
	France	2			2	3
	Honduras (re-activated)	1	1	1	1	•.
	India	1			1	1
	Indo China	1		2		*;
	Italy	2			1	
	Morocco	1		2		3
	Netherlands	1			1	1
	Nicaragua (re-activated)	1	1	1	1	2
	Paraguay (re-activated)	1.	1	1	1	<u></u>
	Philippines (re-activated)	2	1	3		30
	Singapore	l		1		-
	Spain	2		1	1	1
	Syria	1		1	1	-
	Thailand	1		1	A	3
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	Country	Officers	Officers	Men	<u>lian</u> :	Allens
	Australia	1		2		-
	Burma (activated)	1		2		•
	Ceylon	1		1		:
	China	1				
	Denmark	1		2		~
	Egypt	1		2		
	Greece (Salonika)	1		2		
	Hongkong	1		2		

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India	1		2		•
Indonesia	1	•	2		/ <b>3</b>
Iran (re-activated)	2		3		1
Israel (re-activated)	1		2		:2
Italy	1		2		: i
Lebanon (re-activated)	1		2		3
Morocco	1		2		!
Netherlands	1		1		
New Zealand (activated)	1		2		. 1
Norway	1		2		13.
Philippines	2		3		23
Portugal	1		1		ř.
Singapore	1		2		•
Sweden	1		2		
Thailand	1		2		
Turkey (Istanbul)	1		1		•
Union of South Africa (Capetown) (re-activate	d) 2		3		
Venezuela (re-activated) Total Navy	1		2		<u></u> 21
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Afghanlstan	1		1		
Australia	1.				
Burma (activated)	3		5*		r
China					
Chile	1				
France	1				

<sup>\*</sup>Includes crews for Air Attache planes.

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Country         Officers         Warrant Officers         Air Clivilians         Alternations           Greece         1         1         1           Hongkong         1         3*         5*         5           Indonesia (activated)         3         5*         5           Ireland         2         2*         2           Norway         2         2         2           Peru         1         2         2           Portugal         1         2         2           Syrta (re-activated)         3         4*         1         4           Union of South Africa         1         4*         1         4           Uruguay         1         25         1         15           Recapitulation of Total Air Force Attache Ceiling         145         20         207         70         157					U.S.	
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